

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1053
By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Deputy Sheriff Bill Jones.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death in the line of duty of Deputy Sheriff Bill Jones of the Roane County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Jones was an exemplary public servant and consummate law enforcement professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as a Deputy Sheriff for the Roane County Sheriff's Department, in which position he had earned the respect of his peers, superiors, and the public alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Roane County Sheriff's Department for nine months, Deputy Jones had compiled twenty-five years of law enforcement experience and had previously served with distinction with the Rockwood Police Department for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, while serving felony warrants on May 11, 2006, Deputy Sheriff Jones and a civilian participating in a ride-along program came under a hail of gunfire from two men. Despite being mortally wounded by several rounds, Deputy Sheriff Jones possessed the strength and determination to return fire, wounding one of the perpetrators; this individual was arrested when he sought treatment for his wounds, and the other perpetrator turned himself in the following day; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Jones leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, in upholding the noble ideals of the law, and in seeking to protect and serve the good citizens of Roane County and of Tennessee, Deputy Sheriff Jones made the ultimate sacrifice of laying down his life in the performance of his duties, a sacrifice that will be long-remembered for both its bravery and selflessness; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional peace officer and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Deputy Sheriff Bill Jones, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a law enforcement professional, his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, his bravery in the face of danger, and his unwavering dedication to preserving the peace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Deputy Sheriff Jones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.